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Engraver's Department,

19<sup>th</sup> June, 1895

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

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Relative to bids for Die  
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